

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

5:30 p.m.

The Public Works Commission met at the above date and time. The following members were present: Alderpersons Ken Berg, Myron Moldenhauer, Gina Nitecki, and Tony Arnett, Citizen member Pete Thompson. Absent: none. Also present: City Staff Andrew Beyer, Pete Hartz, Stacy Winkelman, Nathan Williams.

1. **Call to order.** Chairperson Arnett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present.** - None.
3. **Review and take possible action. Minutes of PWC meeting of April 28th, 2026.** Mr. Berg moved to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
4. **Discuss and take possible action: The Solid Waste Rate Study, presentation by Ehlers** – Solid Waste rates have not been adjusted since 2019 are not sufficient to fund projected costs or capital needs. Two scenarios were presented – a large increase in the first 2 years to fund capital needs with cash and a much smaller increase every year for the next 10 years using borrowing to fund capital needs. Mr. Arnett urged the adoption of the much smaller annual increase, and to put it in place for 5 years, with another review at that time. Commission members concurred. Staff will prepare a resolution to that effect to bring back to the Commission.
5. **Review and approve: 2025 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) – Wastewater** Utility permit to discharge summary – The annual report had very good ratings. The one area of deficiency was because of discrepancy in the sizing standards used by the State in that area, which do not match the standards currently applied in the State-approved facilities plan. Mr. Thompson moved to recommend the report to Council and Ms. Nitecki seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
6. **Review & discuss: 2028 Labaree Street STP Urban Project** – This street reconstruction (including water and sewer) is slated for 2028 and would be partially funded by a State grant. Special consideration is being made to have Riverside Park accessible for Riverfest.
7. **Review & take possible action: Lighting for downtown Main Street 2028 Reconstruction Project** – Following Commission action earlier this year to look at an alternative vendor for lighting for the Main Street reconstruction project, the previously approved vendor came back with a dramatically reduced price that matched the alternative vendor.
8. **Review and take possible action: Draft Functional Classification Map Review** – The only update to the map was to adjust the boundary area. No street classifications changed. Mr. Berg moved to approve the map, seconded by Mr. Moldenhauer. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
9. **Adjournment.** Mr. Thompson moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Nitecki. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote at 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Arnett, Chairperson

Note: These minutes are uncorrected, and any corrections made thereto will be noted in the proceedings at which these minutes are approved.